



# School Newsletter

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## Rotokauri PRIMARY SCHOOL

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our positive environment will actively engage us all in learning.



### VALUES

Unity (Kotahitanga)  
Inclusive (Manaakitanga)  
Guardianship (Kaitiakitanga)  
Innovative (Auahatanga)  
Happy (Uruhau)  
Responsible (Tuutika)

## REACH

### Respect - Whakaute

We show that we value ourselves, value others, our school and our environment.

### Empathy - Ngākau Aroha

We are able to step into the shoe of another person and try to understand their thoughts and feeling.

### Active Learning - Mātātoa

We don't give up, even when we are challenged.

### Courage - Mārohirohi

We are brave as we face new experiences and difficult situations.

### Honesty - Ngākau Pono

Speaking and acting truthfully.



## WELCOME

**Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura o Rotokauri. Welcome to the new students that have started at Rotokauri School recently**

Room 1 - Mika Knight

## PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora Rotokauri School whaanau

It saddens me when I have to start a newsletter with a negative, but if we don't address the issues then a student, sibling or family member may be harmed - yes, it is the carpark AGAIN. There is an expectation that adults model appropriate behaviour when on our school grounds and especially when in our carparks (both exits). There is a need for drivers to show patience (e.g. not tooting at people), respect and to follow staff/student volunteers. There may not be enough parking spaces when you initially arrive so going back around the carpark might be a necessity, especially if you are wanting to walk your child into the classroom. Staff have a right to a carpark for the day so they are our first priority for parking. Staff also should not be required to monitor the carpark area before school starts.

A reminder please - if your child is arriving at school before the 8.30 a.m. bell then they need to be in the busbay waiting or remain in the car. It is becoming increasingly noisy and is causing congestion at the entrance to the school office when some families congregate by the pedestrian crossing - once again I ask that consideration is shown in regards to this.

Dangerous driving behaviour is not acceptable e.g. u-turns at the entrance to the school from the disability carpark, and will be reported to the Board of Trustees for further action. We would appreciate adults following the signage which is on display at the school regarding dogs, smoking, vaping etc - not on school grounds please!!

On a more positive note, thank you to the parents/caregivers that attended our Friday assembly last week, where certificates were given out to our senior school for their swimming sports achievements. A group of 30 students will now represent Rotokauri School at the cluster swimming competition being held at St Pauls Collegiate on Thursday 20th March. Good luck to all the students competing.

Giving students leadership opportunities is something that we pride ourselves on as a school. Congratulations to the following students for taking on leadership roles this year -

Student Council - Cooper-Love Buckle, Liam Surgenor, Chloe Gyde, Bella Gyde, Mya Hoebergen, Nihil Maharaj

Cultural Ambassadors - Ella Wen, Jasmine Lee, Shaan Judge, Rangjot Dhaliwal, Cavalier Kingi

House Captains

**WHERO** - Kade Calnan, Kaylee Quinlan, Hugo Hodgson, Carter Moka, Archer McFall, Maddox Stratford

**KOWHAI** - Rebecca Cameron, Aniket Raju, Peyton Martin, Cameron Emslie, Isaac Steger

**KIKORANGI** - Elsie van Rooij, Anna Haldane, Ava Esselbrugge, Lucas Birchall, Inshirah Hussain

**KAKARIKI** - Koby Rose, Esme Gyde, Harry Gyde, Hannah-Leah Warbrick, Ariesha Nand

Peer Mediators - Talia Hefferon, Heidi Viljoen, Ellie-Rose Anderson, Luke Vann, Theo Winikerei, Scarlett Swain, Mahi Sharma, Matiu Erueti, Rooth Jayamaha Hitihamilage, Taj Judge, Khloe Bennett, Sophie Quinlan, Violet Short, Avneet Sangha, Ashleigh McLaren, Marley Toia, Tarkshi Chand, Ivy Lu and Cohen Harris.

Ngaa mihi  
Desiree Smith  
Principal

## PTA NEWS

### PTA Committee

The PTA is always happy to welcome new members to their committee and appreciate the support received from families of Rotokauri School.

What does the PTA do: The PTA help organize fun things for the children and parents of Rotokauri School, such as the school discos, quiz nights and the car show / school gala. What do they fundraise for? The PTA fundraise for all sorts of projects around the school and donations are made every year to each classroom for resources, school camp and subsidizing bus travel etc to enable more children to participate in activities provided by the school.

How can you help? Join the PTA, they meet once a month on a Wednesday from 6.30 - 8.00 pm in the staffroom.

If there is something in particular that you would like to see the PTA fundraise for do let them know. Please email your idea to [pta@rotokauri.school.nz](mailto:pta@rotokauri.school.nz)

The PTA Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 25th March at 6.00 pm in the staffroom.

At the first meeting of the year the PTA very generously provided subsidies for our bus travel to Mt Pirongia for our school picnic and to St Pauls Collegiate for our senior swimming sports. They also have purchased sets of fidget spinners for each classroom and a full goalie kit for our hockey team. Thank you so much PTA. The PTA also welcomed Debbie Harrison to the committee.

## **Easter Raffle**

Please remember to send an Easter item to school to help create the Easter baskets for the raffle prizes. Bring these to your classroom teacher to receive house points. Thank you to the families that have already donated goods for the raffle.

Tickets came home on Monday 10th March with the youngest family member at Rotokauri School. If you have not seen them yet please look in your child's school bag.

If you do not want to participate in this fundraiser then please return the raffle ticket cards promptly so that other families can continue to sell them.

Payments can be made via Kindo shop from Monday 10 March until 31 March [shop.kindo.co.nz](http://shop.kindo.co.nz) One payment per card and please put your raffle card number as reference.

If you would like to sell more than one card, call into the office to collect these. Please pay for each card individually via Kindo shop, again adding the card number as reference. You can pay for part card sales. There is an option to choose from 1 - 10 tickets sold. Any questions regarding payment please contact Sharon in the office.

## **BOT NEWS**

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Westgate Roofing for the outstanding job they have done installing a bus bay structure for our second exit off Rotokauri Road. There are some very happy students now being protected from the elements.

## **Swimming Pool**

Another big thank you to the swimming pool committee: Cass and Rhys Oldham, Sarah-Lee Crellin, Kat Walker, Rachel Warbrick and Melissa and Bernie Ridley.

The school pool will be officially closing on Friday 21st March for maintenance. Class swimming has finished. If you hired pool keys over the summer please return these to the school office by 21st March to collect your \$10.00 bond.

## **Teacher Only Days**

With so many changes happening in education currently the Ministry of Education has decided that boards can close their school for 2 full days for curriculum related purposes. These days do not need to be made up at the end of the year.

The Board of Trustees would like to notify the community that they have approved Teacher Only Days for Rotokauri School on:

Friday 11th April (end of Term 1) and Thursday 19th June (Matariki weekend).

## Proposed Amendment to the Rotokauri School Enrolment Scheme (Home Zone)

The proposed amendment to the Rotokauri School enrolment scheme home zone (as discussed) is now in consultation, and live on our website here: Rotokauri School enrolment scheme amendments - Ministry of Education.

The Ministry of Education is currently working with the Board of Rotokauri School to amend its existing enrolment scheme home zone. After consultation with the Board, we have developed a proposed amended enrolment scheme for Rotokauri School under section 72 of the Education and Training Act 2020. As part of this process, we are consulting with the school's community and with people living in the area for which the school is a reasonably convenient school. The enrolment scheme could affect which school a student will be entitled to enrol in, or school transport entitlements. If you have any comments about the proposed amendment for Rotokauri School that you would like to be included in the final report about this proposal, please forward them to [Waikato.EnrolmentSchemes@education.govt.nz](mailto:Waikato.EnrolmentSchemes@education.govt.nz) by the 14th of March 2025.

The purpose of an enrolment scheme is to:

- avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, at a school ,
- ensure that the selection of applicants for enrolment at a school is carried out in a fair and transparent manner
- enable the Secretary to make the best use of the existing network of state schools.

The proposed amendment expands the current home zone to include the Brymer Heights subdivision (Patatee Terrace, Kawariki Drive and associated streets). Details of the proposed amendment can be viewed at the link below:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/have-your-say/rotokauri-school-enrolment-scheme-amendments/detail>

## CELEBRATIONS

### 2025 Bi/Triathlon

On Friday, 28th February, our whole school participated in our annual bi/triathlon. Our students showed a lot of grit and resilience in completing the challenging course. Seeing our senior students step up and run with their younger buddies was amazing.

Thank you to all of the parents who came and watched the event. A big thank you to the staff for helping run the event. Below is a list of results from the day.

Certificates will be presented at this week's assembly.

### 5 Year Old Boys

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
<b>Biathlon</b>	Coby Harker-Ferguson	Reign Makuch	Zack O'Brien
<b>Triathlon</b>	Ryker Wenzlick	Theo Tipene	Jordi Ngatai

### 5 Year Old Girls

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Lexi Viljoen	Brielle Cowley	Pippa Cloete
<b>Triathlon</b>	Addison Harris	Claire Smith	Edie Crellin

### 6 Year Old Boys

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Shay Gill	Kit DeZoete	Leo Hefferon
<b>Triathlon</b>	Carter Beer	Logan Beer	

### 6 Year Old Girls

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Lotti Phillips	Saydee Winikerei	Zaylee van den Heever
<b>Triathlon</b>	Mia-Rose Storer	Teagan Russell	Lily Finnerty-Mills

### 7 Year Old Boys

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Tyler Lester	Manraj Pannu	Liam Lester
<b>Triathlon</b>	Dánilo Standring	Archer Crellin	Seán Parkes

### 7 Year Old Girls

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Georgia Esselbrugge	Murphy Cairns-Eade	Piper McNabb
<b>Triathlon</b>	Isla Cowley		

### 8 Year Old Boys

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Theo Winikerei	Cohen O'Brien	Casey Mancor
<b>Triathlon</b>	Liam Harrison	Wyatt Harker-Ferguson	Theo Cowley

### 8 Year Old Girls

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Ada Westgate	Shepard Cairns-Eade	Te Aria Kingi
<b>Triathlon</b>	Dot Warbrick	Layla Day	Cleo Mackrell

### 9 Year Old Boys

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Luke Vann	Carter Cowley	Marley Toia
<b>Triathlon</b>	Zac Hoebergen	Elijah Sinclair	Van MacDonald-Hooper

### 9 Year Old Girls

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Ruby Wilson	Paige Robinson-Hastings	Khloe Bennett
<b>Triathlon</b>	Kayla van Rooij	Evie Hodgson	Rooth Jayamaha Hitihamilage

### 10 Year Old Boys

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Ammon Hippolite	Tyler Akania	Kayden John
<b>Triathlon</b>	Jayden Day	Miloš Standring	Corban Stratford

### 10 Year Old Girls

	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Biathlon</b>	Heidi Viljoen	Teagan Mancer	Hannah-Leah Warbrick
<b>Triathlon</b>	Indiana Payne	Ashleigh McLaren & Ellie-Rose Anderson	Keani Kingi



### 11 Year Old Boys

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
<b>Biathlon</b>	Koby Rose	Archer McFall	Rangjot Dhaliwal
<b>Triathlon</b>	Carter Moka	Cameron Emslie	Hugo Hodgson

### 11 Year Old Girls

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
<b>Biathlon</b>	Kaylee Quinlan	Shaan Judge	Jasmine Lee
<b>Triathlon</b>	Elsie van Rooij	Miley Fraser	Esme Gyde

### 12 Year Old Boys

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
<b>Biathlon</b>	Liam Surgenor	Koby Payne	Isaac Steger
<b>Triathlon</b>			

### 12 Year Old Girls

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
<b>Biathlon</b>	Ava Esselbrugge	Cavalier Kingi	Peyton Martin
<b>Triathlon</b>	Rebecca Cameron	Bella Gyde	

## Values

Week 5		
Zack O'Brien	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Yuvaan Narayan	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>empathy</b> .
Kian Chand	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage</b> .
Manraj Pannu	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .
Poppy Sadler-Singh	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Teagan Mancer	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Layla Day	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Mya Allen	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect</b> .
Scarlett Swain	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning</b> .



<b>Week 4</b>		
Layla Tremayne	Room 1	For demonstrating the value of <b>courage.</b>
Lukas Sims	Room 2	For demonstrating the value of <b>honesty.</b>
Harry Martin	Room 3	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Lotti Phillips	Room 4	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Zaylee van den Heever	Room 6	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>
Indi Payne	Room 7	For demonstrating the value of <b>respect.</b>
Khloe Bennett	Room 8	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Talia Hefferon	Room 9	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>
Mya Hoebergen	Room 10	For demonstrating the value of <b>active learning.</b>

## Class Certificates

### Week 5

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 1 Rata	Layla Tremayne	For showing Courage at the biathlon/triathlon. Well done!
Room 1 Rata	Eloise King	For showing Courage at the biathlon/triathlon. Amazing!
Room 6 Puriri	Arlo Clarke-Gray	Your excellent ideas in Literacy work.
Room 6 Puriri	Link Doody	Your great strategies in maths.
Room 7 Matai	Noxx Rogers	For working hard and finishing his work independently.
Room 7 Matai	Luke Vann	For working hard in all areas.
Room 8 Nikau	Aiden Nand	For fantastic effort in biathlon.
Room 8 Nikau	Louie Baker	For showing courage during drama lessons.
Room 9 Kauri	Esme Gyde	For consistently showing our school REACH values.
Room 9 Kauri	Matiu Erueti	For consistently showing our school REACH values.

Week 4

Class	Student's Name	Certificate Comment
Room 2 Manuka	Jameson Walker	For being an active learner with your letter sounds and practising at home.
Room 2 Manuka	Maninder Pannu	For working hard in maths this week.
Room 4 Ponga	Amar Mann	Participating in class during phonemic awareness. Keep it up.
Room 4 Ponga	Amaia Matenga	Always being on task and being a great role model for others.
Room 8 Nikau	Shepard Cairns-Eade	Fantastic swimming and role model to others.
Room 8 Nikau	Rooth Jayamah Hitihamilage	For being a super helper and really responsible.
Room 10 Kahikatea	Carter Moka	For being an active learner and giving your best in all areas of your learning.
Room 10 Kahikatea	Elsie van Rooji	For being an active learner and working hard in all that you do.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 13th March	Rooms 7 - 10 cricket sessions
Monday 17th March	Tech (Yr 7 & 8)
Tuesday 18th March	BOT meeting - 5.30 p.m
Thursday 20th March	Cluster swimming 8 years+ (St Pauls)
Thursday 20th March	Rooms 7 - 10 cricket sessions
Monday 24th March	Tech (Yr 7 & 8)
Tuesday 25th March	PTA Annual General Meeting 6 pm
Thursday 27th March	Rooms 7 - 10 cricket sessions
Monday 31st March	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
Monday 7th April	Tech (Year 7 & 8)
Wednesday 9th April	Year 7 & 8 immunisations
Friday 11th April	No School - Teacher Only Day
Friday 11th April	Last day of term

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# FROZEN



## Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students  
aged 5 - 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes,  
concluding the week with a performance!

22nd - 24th April 2025, 9am - 4pm daily (3 day workshop)  
Held at Southwell School,  
200 Peachgrove Rd, Claudelands

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